

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/720,086 Confirmation No. 4915  
Applicant : Brian J. Lancaster, et al.  
Filed : 11/25/2003  
Title : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR EVIDENCE-BASED MODELING OF  
CLINICAL OPERATIONS  
Group Art Unit : 3626  
Examiner : Valerie Lubin  
Docket No. : CRNI.111056  
Customer No. : 46169

**VIA EFS – September 3, 2009**

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time extending the period for response to September 3, 2009. The appropriate extension fee is submitted herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that are required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2112.

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 3, 2009, Applicants respectfully request continued examination of the above-identified Application. The following is in accordance with the requirements for submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. In response to the Final Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims:** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments:** begin on page 10 of this paper.